

MEETING BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE CANDIDATES FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY

GENERAL OF THE OAS

METHODOLOGY

1. OBJETIVES OF THE MEETING

The Meeting will seek to provide an opportunity for Civil Society Organizations registered with the OAS to hear the respective visions of the candidates, as well as the challenges and opportunities they perceive for the region. The candidates will further present their proposed plans for the 2025-2030 period. Following the presentations, the moderator will pose questions previously submitted by civil society representatives to the candidates. The questions will be drawn at random.

2. PARTICIPATION

The Meeting will be held on **April 8, 2025, in the morning**, in the Hall of the Americas of the OAS Main Building, Washington DC.

The Meeting will be open to the participation of Civil Society Organizations duly registered with the OAS.

Additionally, the Meeting will be broadcasted live in the four official languages of the Organization (Spanish, English, Portuguese and French), as well as in American Sign Language (ASL).

The agenda of the Meeting will be distributed soon.

3. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Civil society organizations duly registered with the OAS may propose questions to candidates for the post of Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, using the form provided by the Section of Relations with Civil Society.
- The deadline to send your question to the candidates is **April 3, 2025**.
- **The questions must be related to the four pillars of the OAS:** Democracy, Human Rights, Integral Development and Multidimensional Security. Since the questions are to be answered by all candidates to the post of Secretary General, questions directed at only one candidate will not be taken into consideration.
- To ensure clarity and enable a substantive and relevant exchange, **questions should be concise and contain no more than 70 words**. Only one (1) question per CSO will be allowed.



- The questions received through the electronic form, which meet the established requirements, will be divided by pillar and deposited in boxes, from which they will be drawn at random on the day of the Meeting. The selected questions will be read by the moderator and answered by the candidates. The number of rounds of questions will depend on the availability of time.

4. RULES OF PARTICIPATION

The Meeting should be a safe and productive space of exchange for all participants. The OAS is committed to having a diverse representation of viewpoints and rich and constructive exchanges based on plurality and respect. In this regard, the following are the rules of conduct expected of each participant in OAS spaces:

Participants must commit to making the Meeting space a welcoming and respectful place for all participants, regardless of their national origin, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, and physical appearance.

Harassment in any form or disrespect towards the Meeting's participants and organizers will not be tolerated. Examples of harassment or disrespect include; offensive comments, verbal threats, intimidation, stalking, harassment by photography or recording, disruptive behavior at the Meeting, in and out of the restrooms, and unwanted physical contact.

Participants may not bring or use banners, flags or other objects promoting a position within the venue.

Participants must remain in their seats at all times. This implies that they must not approach or interrupt the work of the candidates for any reason.

These rules must be followed at all times. Otherwise, the person will be asked to leave the meeting.